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SUBJECT: JOHN KIRK WINS SYDENHAM BY-ELECTION

REF WELLINGTON 3144

1. JOHN KIRK, SON OF THE LATE PRIME MINISTER, EASILY WON NOVEMBER 2 BY-ELECTION TO FILL HIS FATHERS OLD PARLIAMENTARY SEAT. PRELIMINARY TOTALS GAVE KIRK 62 PERCENT OF THE VOTES CAST AND A MAJORITY OF WLTRI. NATIONAL PARTY DID NOT ENTER A CANDIDATE AND SECOND PLACE IN RACE WENT TO SOCIAL CREDIT CANDIDATE WHO RECEIVED 17 PERCENT OF VOTE. VOTER TURNOUT WAS LESS THAN FIFTY PERCENT OF THOSE REGISTERED.

2. KIRK'S VICTORY IS NOT UNIMPRESSIVE BUT OFFERS LITTLE IN THE WAY OF GRIST FOR THE POLITICAL ANALYSING MILL. OUTCOME OF THE POLL NEVER IS DOUBT AND LACK OF NATIONAL PARTY CANDIDATE ASSURED THAT MAJOR NATIONWIDE
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ISSUES WOULD BOT BE DEBATED. SYDENHAM IS CONSIDERED A

SAFE LABOUR SEAT. ASSUMING HE EXERCISES APPROPRIATE
JUDGMENT IN TAKING CARE OF HIS ELECTORATE, KIRK SEEMS
ASSURED OF LONG-TERM EMPLOYMENT AS AN MP.
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